

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS (AMBAG) BOARD OF DIRECTORS FINDING THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY ACHIEVES THE REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGETS, ADOPTING THE FINAL 2018 REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST AND THE 2040 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN, INCLUDING ITS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

WHEREAS, AMBAG is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO), pursuant to Title 23 United States Code Sections 134(a) and (g); and

WHEREAS, Title 23, Part 450 and Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), require AMBAG as the MPO to prepare and update a long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) every four years; and

WHEREAS, Section 65080(d) of the California Government Code requires AMBAG to prepare and update a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) every four years; and

WHEREAS, AMBAG has coordinated with the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County and San Benito County Council of Governments, which each prepared a County Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, each respective County Regional Transportation Plan is integrated within the 2040 MTP/SCS; and

WHEREAS, from March 2015 through June 2018, through the conduct of a continuing, comprehensive and coordinated transportation planning process in conformance with applicable federal and state requirements, AMBAG developed its latest MTP with a 2040 horizon year, which incorporates an SCS for the Monterey Bay Area region; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 MTP, including its SCS, contains an integrated set of public policies, strategies and investments to maintain, manage and improve the transportation system in the AMBAG region through the year 2040 and calls for development of an integrated intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient, economic movement of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 MTP/SCS considers, analyzes and reflects, as appropriate, the metropolitan transportation planning process as identified in federal law, including the federal the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, as well as the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, and is based on reasonably available funding provisions; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 MTP/SCS integrates a Congestion Management Process identifying the most serious congestion problems and evaluating and incorporating, as appropriate, all reasonably available actions to reduce congestion, such as travel demand management and operational management strategies for all corridors with any proposed capacity increase; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Coast Air Basin, within which the AMBAG region is located, meets Federal Criteria Pollutant Ambient Air Quality Standards, is in Attainment Status for these standards, and is therefore exempt from a Clean Air Act conformity analysis; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Regional Growth Forecast was developed for planning purposes by working with local jurisdictions, and projects growth based on the most recent planning assumptions, including existing land use plans and policies and demographic and economic trends; and

WHEREAS, the Draft 2018 Regional Growth Forecast was accepted by the AMBAG Board of Directors on October 12, 2016, for planning purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(E) and federal public participation requirements, the 2040 MTP/SCS, was developed through a strategic, proactive, comprehensive public outreach and involvement program, which included: an adopted public participation plan; advertising in local and regional newspapers; distribution of public information materials, such as brochures and newsletters; a dedicated website; an interactive web-based visualization tool, seven noticed public hearings to receive testimony on the Draft 2040 MTP/SCS and the Environmental Impact Report; four workshops and five public hearings in January 2018 to facilitate public comment on the Draft 2040 MTP/SCS, and interagency coordination and involvement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(B), the AMBAG MTP/SCS: (i) identifies the general location of uses, residential densities and building intensities within the region; (ii) identifies areas within the region sufficient to house all the population of the region, including all economic segments of the population, over the course of the planning period of the regional transportation plan taking into account net migration into the region, population growth, household formation and employment growth; (iii) identifies areas within the region sufficient to house an eight-year projection of the regional housing need for the region pursuant to Government Code Section 65584; (iv) identifies a transportation network to service the transportation needs of the region; (v) gathers and considers the best practically available scientific information regarding resource areas and farmland in the region as defined in subdivisions (a) and (b) of Government Code Section 65080.01; and (vi) considers the state housing goals specified in Sections Government Code 65580 and 65581;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(G), the SCS considered spheres of influence adopted by the Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito County Local Agency Formation Commissions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65080(b)(2)(B)(vii), the SCS set forth a forecasted development pattern for the region, which, when integrated with the transportation network and other transportation measures and polices, will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light trucks to achieve the regional greenhouse gas emission targets set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB); and

WHEREAS, for the 2040 MTP/SCS, CARB set the per capita greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for automobiles and light trucks for the AMBAG region at 0 percent by 2020 and 5 percent by 2035 from a 2005 base year; and

WHEREAS, by separate resolution on this date, the AMBAG Board of Directors certified the Final EIR for the 2040 MTP/SCS, and adopted Findings of Fact, a Statement of Overriding Considerations and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

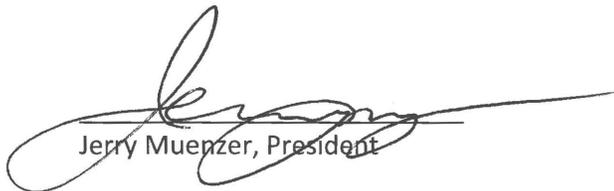
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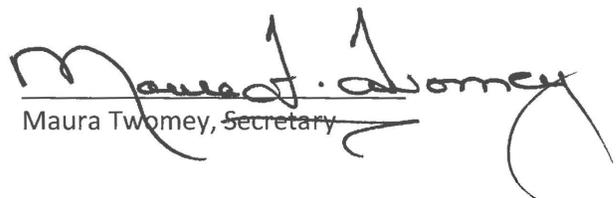
BE IT RESOLVED BY the AMBAG Board of Directors that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AMBAG Board of Directors finds that the 2040 MTP/SCS achieves the regional greenhouse gas reduction targets established by the CARB and meets the requirements of Senate Bill 375 as codified in Government Code §65080(b) et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AMBAG Board of Directors does hereby adopt the Final 2040 MTP/SCS and the Final 2018 Regional Growth Forecast for the Monterey Bay Area region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of June 2018.

  
Jerry Muenzer, President

  
Maura Twomey, Secretary